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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Neirynck et al.
Application No. : 09/498,046 Confirmation No. : 8244
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For : IMMUNOPROTECTIVE INFLUENZA ANTIGEN AND
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Group Art Unit : 1648
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New York, New York 10020
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the January 15, 2004 Final Office Action. With the extension, the deadline to respond is July 15, 2004.

The Director is authorized to charge \$475 in payment of the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075.

Respectfully submitted,

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